



# Press Release

## *Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge*

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### Youth Deer Hunt: Participants and Volunteers

**Saginaw, MI** – On September 17-18th, 2016 Shiawassee will be hosting a Youth Hunt Program. Youths with a Hunter Safety Certificate may register. This year's program offers (optional) mentorship to youth hunters.

Volunteers at Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge has banded together with staff to

provide the third consecutive year of a quality youth hunting opportunity. This year brings improvements to the program such as the restructuring of "either sex" and "antlerless" permits. This year will allow for 5 "either sex" permits and 10 "antlerless" permits during the youth hunt. The youth hunt, like others, serves as a management hunt. The vast layout of the land will leave plenty of opportunity to harvest a deer.

New this year, there will be an *Education and Sight-In Event* Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from Noon-5pm. **Attending this education event is Mandatory for youth to participate in the hunt. Drawn Permit will become VOID if youth does not attend this Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> event.** The education portion will serve as a meaningful opportunity for youths to acquire and build on hunting skills before heading to the land. This will be a true orientation which will make youth hunters familiar with techniques, safety and introduce them to blind locations in the field. **All Youth Hunters will be in blinds for this hunt.**

Hunters will also be required to have their weapons sighted to a 50 yard minimum (optional 100 yards) before the hunt (Sept. 17th-18<sup>th</sup>) **\*mandatory**. Participating facilities and more details will be provided to participants. The Refuge will allow opportunity for hunters using crossbows to sight their weapons at the Refuge. **Youths 14 and under must use archery (all hunters under the age of 14 are not permitted to hunt with firearms on Michigan Federal lands).**

See the following page for more details on hunt and mentoring/volunteering:

## Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge Youth Deer Hunt

- September 17<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

### Application Period:

- July 15<sup>th</sup>- August 15<sup>th</sup>

### Mandatory Attendance Required (New this year)

- Education and Sight-in Event, *Noon-5pm* (Sept. 11)
  - Sight-in required at participating venue if firearms used



Any questions about the 2016 Youth Hunt can be answered by contacting Vicki Kennedy (616) 822-5218 or Steve MacAlpine (989) 750-2742. You may also send questions via email to: [shiawasseeeyouthhunt@gmail.com](mailto:shiawasseeeyouthhunt@gmail.com)

### Mentoring

If you are looking for an opportunity to be a mentor for a youth hunter there may be opportunities with this hunt. We are looking for people to commit to this hunt to serve as mentors for youth hunters. Mentors may accompany youth hunters with their adult guardian and serve to advice youth before and during the hunt.

### Volunteering

This two day event requires help from volunteers. First time volunteers welcome!

### Volunteer Duties

- Blind Set-up/Disassembly
- Tracking Teams
- On-Site Drivers & Helpers

### How Do I Mentor or Volunteer?

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**Interested in volunteering with the Shiawassee NWR Non-Ambulatory Hunt for disabled hunters? You may also ask Vicki Kennedy or Steve MacAlpine your questions or send them to: [shiawasseenahunt@gmail.com](mailto:shiawasseenahunt@gmail.com).**